

# What's Great About Hilton Head Island

As of 2/18/2014

## Things to Do

- ✓ 13 miles of a family-oriented pristine beach
- ✓ Over 100 miles of bike and walking pathways
- ✓ Boating, fishing, crabbing, kayaking, ziplining, ecotourism, historic sites, paddleboarding
- ✓ Internationally recognized golf courses and tennis facilities
- ✓ World class restaurants, hotels, and residential vacation rentals
- ✓ Outdoor entertainment

## International Events

RBC Heritage Golf presented by Boeing PGA tournament  
Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival and Concours d' Elegance

## Local Events

37 Outdoor Events and Festivals on the Island, including:

- \* Hilton Head Island Oyster Festival
- \* St. Patrick's Day Parade
- \* 4th of July Fireworks (3 Island locations)
- \* Hilton Head Island Gullah Celebration
- \* Wine and Food Fest
- \* WingFest

## Redevelopment

New \$74 million Shelter Cove Towne Centre, includes an 87,000 square foot Kroger opened in December of 2013, adjoined by single story retail and restaurants which are under construction.

## Location, Location, Location

- 1 hour or less from Historic Savannah, GA and Beaufort, SC
- 2 hours from Historic Charleston, SC
- 30 minutes from I-95
- 45 minutes from Savannah-Hilton Head Island International Airport
- Local County airport with commercial/commuter service

## Culture

Performing Arts Center  
Coastal Discovery Museum  
Mitchellville Freedmen's Village  
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute  
Native American Shell Rings  
Art galleries and League  
Symphony Orchestra  
Public Art Program  
Heritage Library

## Non-Profits

Too numerous to list but allows residents to give back to their community

## On the Horizon

- ⊗ Business license permits are increasing
- ⊗ Real Estate sales and sale prices are increasing
- ⊗ Visits to the Island are increasing
- ⊗ Residential and commercial building permits are increasing
- ⊗ Revenues to the Town are increasing from accommodations, hospitality, beach preservation and real estate transfer fees
- ⊗ The Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce's web page traffic is increasing
- ⊗ More redevelopment is planned

## Future Improvements

- Coligny Beach area undergoing public planning process
  - Beach renourishment project in near future
  - Chaplin Linear Park linking new Shelter Cove Towne Centre to the beach under consideration soon
- More cell phone coverage and expanded Wi-Fi
- A rowing and sailing center
- Dredging Harbortown Marina completed
- Powerline burial project half accomplished beautifying Island
  - Pedestrian pathway expansion

## Parks

- ❖ 8 Beach parks
- ❖ 12 Town passive and active parks for soccer, baseball, roller hockey, skate park, dog park, basketball, playgrounds, events, tennis, rugby, and more
- ❖ \$4.5 million 5 acre park planned along the Broad Creek behind Shelter Cove Towne Centre
- ❖ Rowing and sailing center under construction soon
- ❖ Security cameras at many parks

## Schools

Award-winning public and private schools at all grade levels

## Positive Climate for Business Investment

### Major Private Sector Reinvestment

- ★ Omni Hotel: \$17 million
- ★ Sonesta Resort: \$30 million
- ★ Westin Resort: \$30 million
- ★ Beach House: \$5 million
- ★ The Inn at Harbour Town: \$2 million
- ★ Harris Teeter Park Plaza: \$6 million
- ★ Mall/Kroger: \$74 million
- ★ Pineland Station: \$30 million (Planned)
- ★ Wal-Mart: \$5 million
- ★ Whole Foods (Planned)
- ★ Harbour Town Club House: \$25 million (Planned)
- ★ Plantation Golf Club: \$15 million
- ★ Sea Pines Beach Club: \$15 million (Near Complete)

**Total Value: \$254 million**

## Town Government

- 1,315 acres of land purchased by the Town mostly left undeveloped
- Highest credit rating of all municipalities in the state
- Low taxes
- Aggressive Capital Improvement Program publicly supported
- Awarded Budget and Financial Accounting awards
- Revising land management laws achieving greater flexibility
- Recent Awards: Heart Safe Community Award; Bicycle Friendly Community Silver Level Award; Parents Magazine Award as the #1 Beach Town in the nation; Conde Nast Magazine Award naming Hilton Head Island as the 8th on a list of the top 10 Islands in the country; Hilton Head Island named one of America's 100 Best Places to Retire in a book from Where to Retire magazine; Hilton Head Island received second place in the 10 Besties Readers' Choice Travel Award; Participant in Audubon International Sustainable Communities program and Tree City USA
  - Award-winning park designs